

## Summary of the Young Family Reunion

Blackheath, Ontario

July 13, 2013

1. **Sixty-eight** descendants (and guests) of Adam Young and Catherine Schremling attended this year's potluck lunch and reunion. Family members attended from: Ancaster, Burlington, Caledonia, Cayuga, Chatham, Dundas, Etobicoke, Hagersville, Hamilton, Indian River, London, Mississauga, Niagara Falls, North Bay, North York, Port Colborne, St. Davids, St. George, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Simcoe, Smithville, Stouffville, Waterloo, Welland, and York. As well, we had visitors from Burnaby, British Columbia, and Lake Suzy, Florida! (Note: David Faux lives in both Caledonia and California!)
2. The donation of \$10 per family covered the costs for the day. **Bev Balch** (descendant of Daniel Young) and **Betty Yundt** (descendant of John Young) welcomed attendees at the desk. **Bob** (descendant of Henry Young) and **Grietje McBride** sold 50/50 tickets to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of the Young Memorial and property. As well, a silent auction was conducted during the reunion for a beautiful quilted wall-hanging of the UEL flag with the name 'Young', hand-made by **Cindy Young**. Thanks to all for the generous donations to the Young Family Memorial Society.
3. Family genealogy and pictures were displayed on one side of the hall.
4. **Ken Young** (descendant of Daniel Young), as Master of Ceremonies, welcomed everyone to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Reunion. **Dan Young** (descendant of Henry Young) led us in Grace.
5. Everyone helped himself/herself to the delicious potluck meal. (Thank you to **Cindy Young** for organizing the food tables!)
6. Ken asked everyone who was attending for the first time to introduce themselves. **Carl**, descendant of Daniel Young and **Margery Carriere**, from St. Davids; **Rose** descendant of Daniel Young and **Pat Vanthuynne**, from Chatham were some of the people who attended for the first time. We were pleased to welcome **Mary Nelles** who has provided historical support to the Youngs over the years, and her daughter, **Margaret Crawley**.
7. **Bob McBride**, Dominion president of the UELAC (United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada), described how to apply for UELAC certification. Please contact Bob if you wish more information: [bobmcbride@nexicom.net](mailto:bobmcbride@nexicom.net).
8. **Bill Young**, descendant of Daniel Young, gave updates on the work at the Wesleyan cemetery. Bill and his brothers organized work party days last fall. Brush was cleared away from the fence line at the back and the left side. A few headstones were taken away at that time to be "pinned" back together. There is a volunteer group from Grace Church (including **Lola Timson**), who have been supporting these efforts. Bill also described

efforts to preserve the Daniel & Elizabeth Young site in Barton Township, and information about Peter Young's War of 1812 service.

9. **David Faux** (descendant of John and Daniel Young) has been working on an article which includes the documentation (deeds and maps) and archaeological finds (including pictures) of the Young Tract. His goal has been to document where Adam and each of his sons resided, and to investigate what archaeological remains there are which can be linked to each family. He is looking for someone to help him update his website. Please contact David if interested: [fauxdk.@yahoo.com](mailto:fauxdk.@yahoo.com). David's website URL: <http://www.davidkfaux.org/>. David continues to work on the DNA project, and new individuals are discovering linkages to our ancestors.

10. Committee reports:

a. **Ken** and **Dan Young** provided an update on the Young Memorial and property. **Dan Young** was thanked for maintaining the lawn around the monument. Dan and his son-in-law have cleared some brush behind the fence, and, along with **Bob Young**, continue to upgrade the area. A google earth streetview of monument is attached.

b. **Ken Young** and **Tom Nelson** reported on the Young Tract Burying Ground. Thanks to this dedicated committee. Aerial view with captions is attached to this email, thanks to **Tom Nelson**.

c. **Betty Yundt**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Young Family Memorial Society reminded people of the charity status, and donations are accepted for a perpetual care fund to maintain the Young monument. Donations to the Memorial fund are eligible for a Receipt for Income Tax purposes. If anyone wishes to receive a copy of the treasurer report, please contact Betty at [pyundt@nas.net](mailto:pyundt@nas.net). Thanks to **Eleanor Bell** and **Emily Vanderzanden** for reviewing the financial statements.

**Kelly Vink** (descendant of Daniel Young) has offered to join our committee, which currently consists of Dan Young, Ken Young, Bob Young, Shawn Richarz, Marnie Bruce and Betty Yundt.

11. Winner of the 50/50 draw was **Bev Balch** (\$60.50). Winner of the jelly bean contest was **Debbie Young**. **Margery and Carl Carriere** were the successful bidders for the quilted wall-hanging. A last minute 'bidding war' occurred!

12. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day, setting up and cleaning up, and for attending the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Reunion! It was a great day! Thank you to everyone who has helped to preserve the Young family heritage!

13. If you would like to volunteer or have suggestions for next year's reunion, please contact Ken at [youngsvally@hotmail.com](mailto:youngsvally@hotmail.com), Dan at [y.young@shaw.ca](mailto:y.young@shaw.ca), Betty at [pyundt@nas.net](mailto:pyundt@nas.net), Shawn at [sricharz@richarzlaw.ca](mailto:sricharz@richarzlaw.ca), Bob at [bob.cindyyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:bob.cindyyoung@hotmail.com) or Kelly Vink [rudykellyvink@hotmail.com](mailto:rudykellyvink@hotmail.com).

15. The hall was booked for **July 12, 2014**, for next year's reunion.

Recorded by **Betty Yundt**, July 27, 2013 (with assistance from **Bill Young, David Faux, Tom Nelson** and the Young Reunion committee)

Betty is a member of the Reunion Committee  
(Descendant of John Young)

Other committee members:

**Ken Young** (descendant of Daniel Young)

**Dan Young** (descendant of Henry Young)

**Bob Young** (descendant of John Young)

**Shawn Richarz** (descendant of John Young)

**Marnie Bruce**

**Kelly Vink** (descendant of Daniel Young)